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the last week there were 3 new cases and 1 death in the plague hospital

at Jurajuba.

During the week there were in all 356 deaths. Of this number none were caused by yellow fever, but there were 2 cases of this disease reported. Plague caused 1 death, with 3 cases reported. At the close of the week there were 2 cases of yellow fever under treatment in Hospital São Sebastião, and 3 cases of plague in the hospital at Jurajuba. Variola caused 58 deaths, with 193 cases reported, and 208 cases under treatment at Hospital São Sebastião. No deaths were caused by scarlet fever, diphtheria, or leprosy. Measles caused 1 death; whooping cough, 1; grippe, 10; enteric fever, 1; dysentery, 1; beriberi, 1; malarial fevers, 6; and tuberculosis, 38.

The average daily mortality during the week was 50.85, as compared with 45.85 during the previous week, and 42.14 during the correspond-

ing week in 1903.

The deaths occurred, as regards localities, as follows: In houses, hotels, etc., 237; in civil hospitals, 56; in military hospitals, 5; in Santa Casa de Misericordia, 55; in asylums, convents, etc., none; in vessels in port, none; and unknown, 3.

The highest range of the thermometer was on May 30, viz., 23° C.; the lowest on June 2, 15.3° C.; and the daily average for the week was 19.44° C. The rainfall was: total, 5.41 mm.; daily average, 0.77 mm.

Table of mortality from dysentery in Pernambuco.

The following is the record of mortality from dysentery in Pernambuco since January 1, 1904:

January		62
February		161
March		325
April		
May		804
Total	1	969

Plague in Natal.

I quote the following press dispatch in a paper a few days old:

LONDON, June 2, 1904.

Telegrams received here to-day announce that in Durban, in the colony of Natal, there has been a recrudescence of bubonic plague, which has assumed very great and alarming proportions.

The sanitary authorities of the country have already put in practice systematic

disinfection and total isolation of those taken ill with this disease.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carson reports as follows: Week ended June 30, 1904: Present officially estimated population, 8,500; no deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial fever of mild type. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.